

UJ Library in partnership with African Perspectives  
Publishing invites you to a discussion with

**Mario d'Offizi**

the author of

# BLESS ME FATHER

**ABOUT THE BOOK:** *Bless Me Father* is the true story of an incredible South African life. Born into a violent and broken family, and growing up in a variety of institutions, Cape Town based poet and writer Mario d'Offizi tells his remarkable, often shocking and ultimately inspiring life adventure – one that spans several decades in a country undergoing radical change. From his tough days at Boys Town to wild years in the advertising world, a stint in the restaurant business and a sharp edged journalistic adventure in the DRC, d'Offizi tells his critically acclaimed story with the unfailing sensitivity and warmth of a true poet.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Mario d'Offizi is a Cape Town based poet, writer and magazine editor. He has been publishing poetry from a very young age and has had poems published in various publications, Cape Argus, Cape times, New Coin (Rhodes University), amongst others. Over the years he has read his poems at various venues, including the University of Cape Town and the 'old' Space Theatre. His collection of poems *Banana Crates & Wire Mesh* was launched at the Cape Town Book Fair in 2011.

DATE **21 April 2016 / 16:30 for 17:00**

VENUE **APK Library Auditorium** (6th Floor), University of Johannesburg  
(corner Kingsway and University Road, Auckland Park, Johannesburg)

RSVP By Wednesday **20 April 2016** to Theodorah Modise at [licevents@uj.ac.za](mailto:licevents@uj.ac.za) or 011 559 2264

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